

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims supersedes all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic radial tire ~~in which comprising:~~

~~a wheel tread part of a tread~~ is divided into a plurality of blocks and ~~is constituted of~~  
including at least one circumferential groove formed in a circumferential direction and a plurality  
of traverse grooves formed at proper intervals in a width direction so as to intersect the circum-  
ferential groove,

~~characterized in that wherein~~ each of the plurality of blocks is provided with at least one  
sipe which intersects the circumferential direction, ~~and is formed~~

wherein a block section along the sipe is formed so that a cut area of an end of a center  
side region can be smaller compared with that of an end of a shoulder side region, and  
wherein, on the block section along the sipe, a ratio between a sipe sectional area S2 of  
the shoulder side region and a sipe sectional area S1 of the center side region is as follows:

$1.4 \leq S2/S1 \leq 2.0$

so that block rigidity can be higher in [[an]] ~~the~~ end of [[a]] ~~the~~ center side region  
compared with that in [[an]] ~~the~~ end of [[a]] ~~the~~ shoulder side region.

2. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic radial tire according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein:~~

the circumferential groove is constituted by including a longitudinal main groove formed in the circumferential direction via a center of the width direction, and a pair of longitudinal sub-grooves disposed by at least one on each of both sides of the longitudinal main groove, and at least four rows of the plurality of blocks are disposed along the main and subgrooves.

3. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic radial tire according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein:~~

a block section along the sipe is formed so that a cut depth of the end of the center side region can be shallower compared with that of the end of the shoulder side region.

4-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic radial tire according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein:~~

the sipe is constituted of a one-end-open sipe formed by opening the shoulder side of the block and terminating the center side in the block.

7. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic radial tire according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that wherein:~~

a width of an unopened part of the end of the center side region is 5 to 15% of a block width.

8. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic radial tire according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that wherein:~~

the sipe is constituted of a both-end-open sipe formed by opening both ends of the shoulder and center sides of the block.

9. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic radial tire according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that wherein:~~

the both-end-open sipe is formed by including an end of the center side region having a width of 5 to 40% of the block width and a shallow cut depth[[      ]].